





THE QUEEN'S BIRTH-DAY IN MONTREAL,

24th May, 1879.

ORDERS

— FOR THE —

Military Review and Sham-Fight,

— WITH A —

FIELD SKETCH,

*Showing the position of the Troops at different
periods of the day.*

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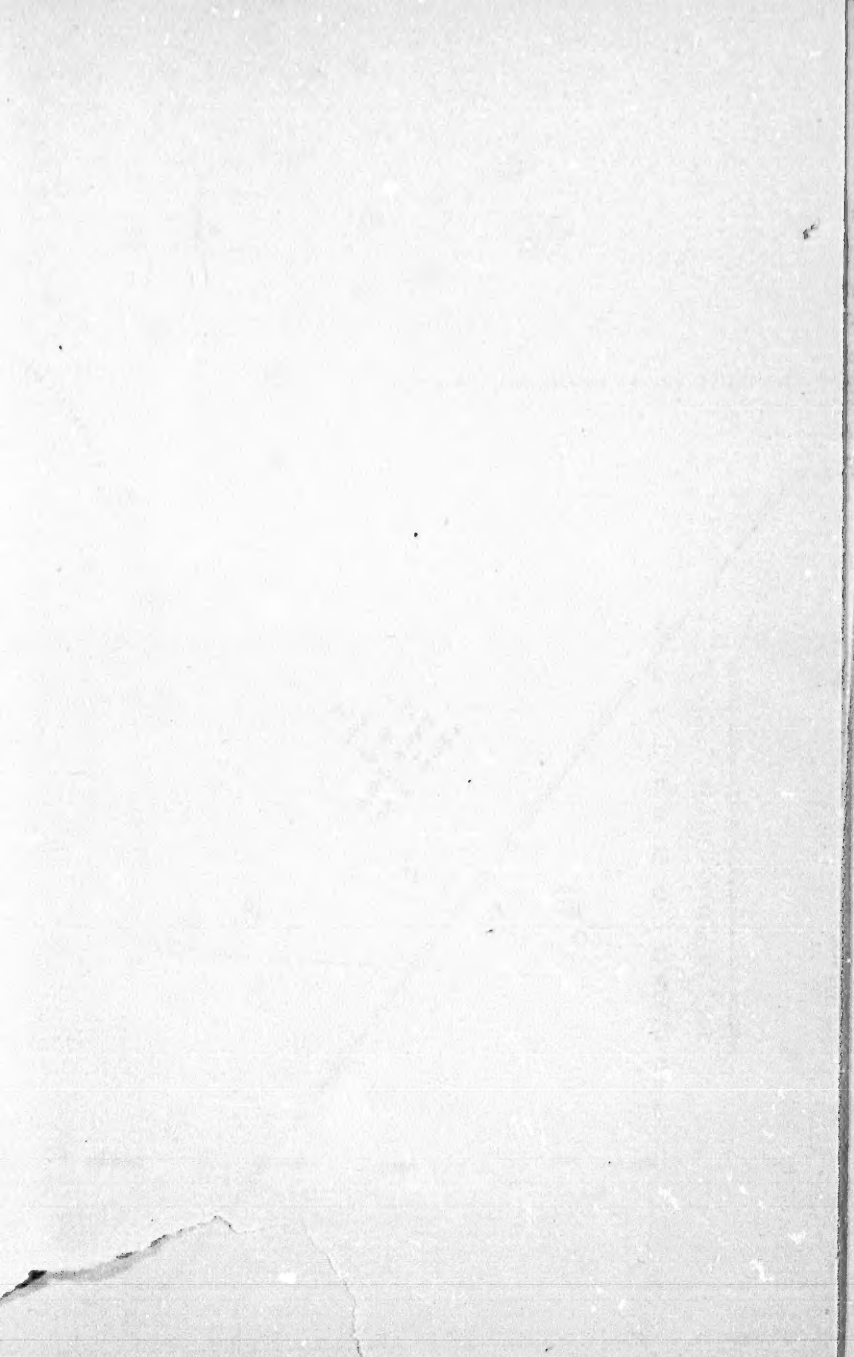
Having prepared a Field Sketch of the Review and Sham-fight to take place on that portion of Mount Royal Park, formerly known as Fletcher's Field, Montreal, in honour of Her Majesty's sixtieth birth-day, on the 24th May, I thought a description of the day's proceedings on the field would add to its value, and render it more intelligible. Availing myself of the kind permission of the Lieutenant General Commanding, I have used his Memorandum, published in the Ottawa Papers some time ago, for that purpose.

To this I have added the probable time of arrival of His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise and suite, the probable movements of the 13th Brooklyn Regiment, National Guard of the State of New York, and the time of arrival of the other visiting Canadian Corps.

THOMAS BACON,

Lt.-Col. B. M.

Montreal, 21st May, 1879.



FIELD SKETCH

of a REVIEW and SHAM FIGHT under command of
Lieut. General Sir Edward Selby Smyth, K.C.M.G.
in honour of HER MAJESTY'S birthday,
to be held 24th May 1879 on Fletcher's Field.
In presence of His Excellency THE GOVERNOR GENERAL and of
Her Royal Highness PRINCESS LOUISE.
prepared by L^{ieut} Col. Bacon, B.M.
MONTREAL, Q.

DUROCHER ST

PINE

AVENUE

PRIVATE ROAD

FINAL FORMATION

65th RIFLES VICS. Pot WALS 8th RIFLES QORIFLES BROOKLYN 6th FUSILIERS 5th ROYALS G.G.F. GDS. ENGINEERS & GARR ARTY
STUB. IMP. COY

A double echelon of
Quarter Columns on the
Brooklyn Battalion four flank files
of each Corps facing outwards front
ranks all kneeling to deliver a
heavy fire to the front and both flanks.

This movement takes place in front of the Flag staff.

B L E U R Y

MANCE ST

ST FAMILLE ST

HOTEL DIEU STREET

HOTEL DIEU

S T U R B A I N

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ST JOHN BAPTIST ST

Brooklyn

6th FUSILIERS
15th
G.G.F. GDS.

5th ROYALS

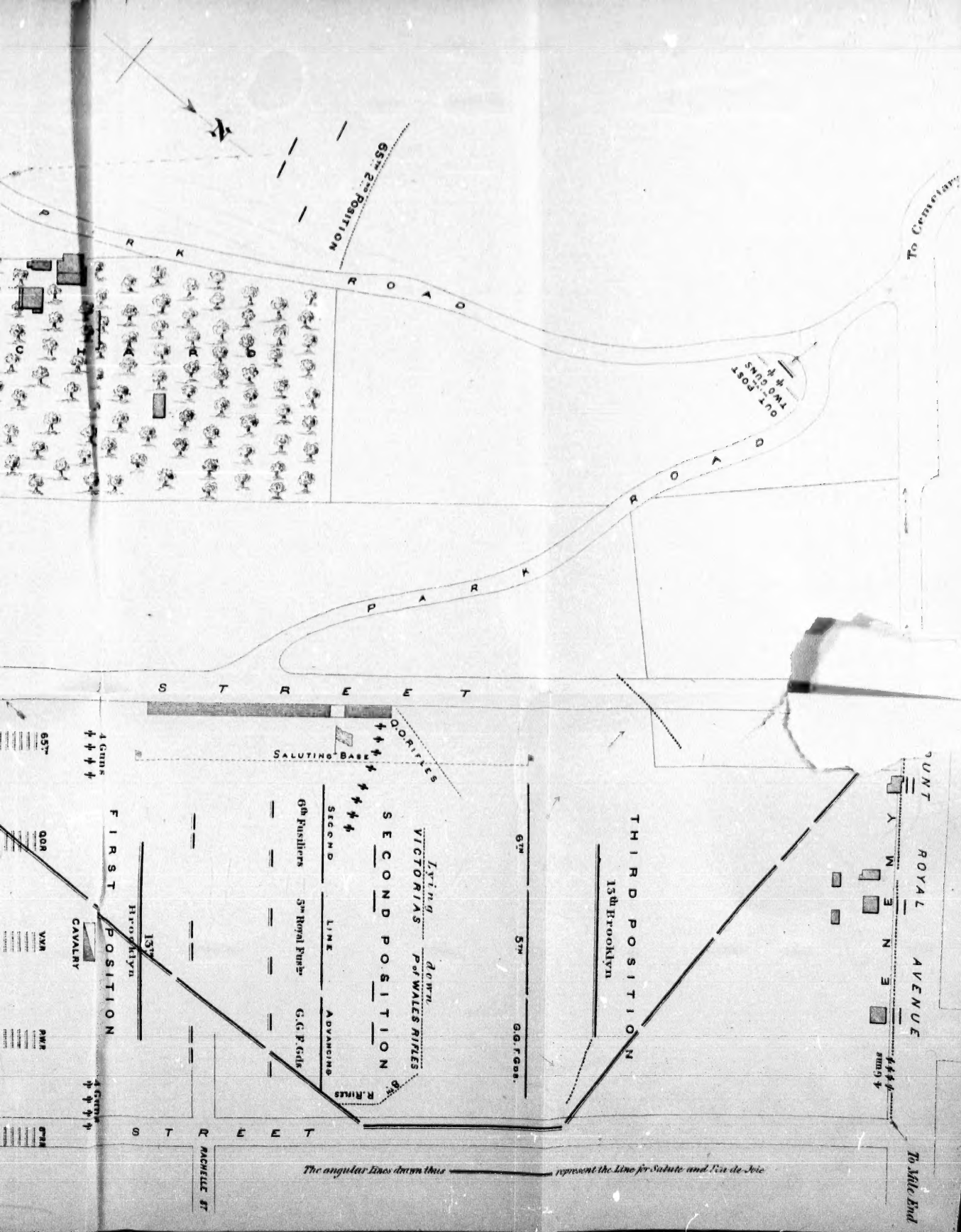
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QUEEN'S BIRTH-DAY IN MONTREAL,

24th May, 1879.

The visit of the "Barlow Greys," of St. Albans, Vermont, last year, to participate with us in the Review in celebration of Her Majesty's birth-day, was doubtless the event which suggested the happy idea to the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, (who witnessed the enthusiastic reception given them), to induce Colonel Austen, the Officer Commanding the 13th Brooklyn Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York, to bring his whole command to join with us in the celebration *this* year of Her Majesty's sixtieth birth-day.

The Regiment will be received in such a way as will shew it that the high mark of respect it pays to our beloved Queen, is thoroughly appreciated by Canadians—such preparations are now completed, or are fairly on the way, as will tend to make our visitors from the South of 45° at home whilst amongst us.

His Excellency the Governor General, Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, and suite, it is expected, will arrive by Grand Trunk Railway from Ottawa, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and reside at the Windsor Hotel during their stay in Montreal.

The 13th Brooklyn Regiment will, according to present arrangements, arrive at Point St. Charles Station, on Friday, the 23rd instant, at about 2 p. m., from whence they will be taken along the Harbour Branch as far as the Wellington Bridge, where the new Steamer "S. Filgate," will be in waiting to receive them. They will inspect the new Canal Basins, and afterwards proceed to Lachine and run the rapids to Montreal, arriving at the foot of Jacques

Cartier Square, St. Helen's Island Ferry Wharf, at about 6 p.m., where His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Corporation, will welcome them on the part of the Citizens of Montreal, and an Escort composed of detachments from the various City Corps will be in attendance to escort them to their quarters, at the Victoria Skating Rink, Drummond Street. They will march in Column of Companies by Jacques-Cartier Square, Notre Dame Street, Place d'Armes, St. James Street, Victoria Square, Radegonde Street, Beaver Hall Hill, Dorchester Street, and Drummond Street to the Rink. The Band of the Regiment known as Dodworth's Band, give a Concert at the Academy of Music, the same evening.

The Troop of Cavalry, Field Battery and Governor General's Foot Guards, will leave Ottawa by Grand Trunk Railway and arrive by special, late on Friday night.

The Shefford Field Battery, Lt.-Col. Amyrauld, leaves Granby in time to reach Montreal on the morning of the 24th, by 9 or $\frac{1}{2}$ past, and will march directly to the Field.

The detachment from "B" Battery, with two guns, and the 8th Royal Rifles, Lt.-Colonel Alleyn, will leave Quebec on Friday, per "*Canada*," and arrive in Montreal on the 24th, and march direct to the ground.

The Queen's Own Rifles are, according to present arrangements, to arrive by Grand Trunk Railway, at about 8 a.m. on the 24th, and will march to the Old High School, Dorchester Street, where conveniences for washing and a good breakfast will be provided for them.

The programme, as sketched out for the day's proceedings, in so far as the military are concerned, published some days ago in the Ottawa papers, by Lt.-General Sir Ed. Selby Smyth, K. C. M. G., is given below as the best description that can be had :—

OTTAWA, APRIL 15th, 1879.

MEMO.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to signify his intention of being present at a Military Review to be held at Montreal, on the 24th May next, for the celebration of Her Majesty's Birth-day.

It is expected that the troops noted below will be present and take part in the Review :

CAVALRY.—The Montreal Troop ; The Ottawa Troop.

ARTILLERY.—Detachment of "B." Battery, with two guns ; Montreal, with four guns ; Shefford, with four guns ; Ottawa, with four guns ; Montreal Brigade of Artillery.

ENGINEERS.—Two Companies.

INFANTRY.—Brooklyn battalion, (about 500 strong) ; Governor General's Foot Guards ; 5th and 6th Fusiliers ; 8th Royal Rifles ; Prince of Wales ; Victorias ; Queen's Own ; 65th Rifles ; St. Jean-Baptiste Infantry Company.—Total, about 4,000.

About 3,500 men of all arms, besides the Brooklyn battalion of Infantry, from the State of New York, estimated at about 500 strong.

The only ground available for such a Review is that part of Mount Royal Park, formerly known as Fletcher's field, and unfortunately its space is circumscribed for such a large body of troops.

It will be, necessary, therefore to adapt their formation to the nature of the ground—which not having sufficient extent to admit of the deployment of the Force in one straight line to receive the Governor General, and afterwards to fire a *feu-de-joie*, it will be necessary to throw back the centre of the line considerably, and be shaped thus



The various Corps will be formed as directed before half-past Eleven o'clock, on the forenoon of the 24th May, under the orders of the District Staff Officers ; 14 Field Guns on the right. The Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Brooklyn Battalion, Governor General's Foot Guards, 5th, 6th, Queen's Own, 8th Royal Rifles, Prince of Wales, Victorias, and 65th Rifles, consecutively.

The Guards and Fusiliers will be the Scarlet Brigade. Those clothed in green, the Rifle Brigade.

Upon the arrival of the Governor General and Her Royal Highness at the flag staff, the line will be ordered to "Present Arms," and the Artillery to fire a Royal Salute.

His Excellency and Her Royal Highness will then probably pass along the line of troops.

At noon, a Royal Salute and a *feu-de-joie* will be ordered. One round of small arms after each seven guns.

Then hats off and three cheers for Her Majesty.

The troops will then march past in column and quarter column—the Cavalry and Artillery leading by troops and batteries.

The formation for a field-day and sham-fight will then be made.

The general idea will be, that an enemy occupies a position in front of the Agricultural grounds, with a strong advanced post to the right front, on the Mountain side of the Cemetery road.

The Montreal Artillery with a four gun Field Battery will represent the main body. "B" Battery with two guns, and the Montreal Engineers, will form the advanced outpost on the side of the Mountain. The main body will cover its flanks by outposts on the Mile-end and Cemetery roads.

The attacking force will form on the low ground, close

to the Hotel-Dieu, and out of sight of the enemy, in quarter columns of battalions.

The first line will be drawn up in quarter columns at deploying distance, facing northwards. The 65th Mount Royal Rifles on the left; the Queen's Own, Victorias, Prince of Wales, and 8th Royal Rifles on the right, in brigade.

The second line of Infantry will consist of the Foot Guards, 5th and 6th Fusiliers.

Should the Brooklyn battalion desire to take part in the Field-day, I should propose to form the Regiment in reserve.

The guns will be in position in two batteries of 4 each, on ground to be selected in front or flanks of the first line of Infantry, and, if the Cavalry can be spared, they should form an escort for them.

The 65th will, in the first instance, be detached to the left, up a lane leading to the high ground, where they will be formed in order of attack, to turn the flank of the enemy's advanced outpost. This corps will open fire when formed, and advance very slowly, halting altogether 300 paces from the enemy, under cover of the wood, and remaining.

The action will commence by a short advance of the Cavalry, as videttes, to find the enemy's position, which, having reported, the two four gun batteries will open fire, returned by the enemy's guns.

The Queen's Own, Prince of Wales, and Victorias will then advance in order of attack, lying down under cover of broken ground, when possible. The skirmishers advancing by short rushes.

The 8th Battalion will be extended as a flank guard on the right of the first line. Supposing the enemy to have

occupied some houses, and to keep down their fire, they will advance in that form corresponding with the advance of the fighting line.

Having reached the centre of the open ground, the Queen's Own will be ordered to change front half left, and join in the attack on the mountain outpost.

The two other corps will lie down and maintain a steady fire until relieved by the second line, which, having formed in order of attack under cover of the first, will advance at the double, and when clear will open fire and make a steady advance on the enemy's position.

The 2nd line will advance at first with the centre battalion deployed, and the two flank battalions in echelon, till ordered to form in order of attack.

The two Rifle Corps when relieved will reform line and lie down, and may afterwards pursue to the right.

The enemy's main body will now move rapidly in retreat by both flanks, the left portion with the guns by the Mile End road, the right taking the direction of the Cemetery road uniting with the retreating Mountain outpost.

After which it will be time to cease firing and re-assemble.

A line of contiguous quarter columns will then be formed on the march past ground, and will be ordered to advance and salute in review order.

If time permits, I should then be glad to throw the whole force into a solid formation, to resist a supposed attack from an enemy of overwhelming numbers, but not supported by cannon.

The whole force will be under command of the Lieut.-General Commanding the Militia of Canada.

E. SELBY SMYTH, Lt.-Gen'l.

Should the Brooklyn Regiment be supplied with sufficient ammunition, they will advance and relieve the Scarlet Brigade and deliver a heavy fire, which will cause the enemy to retreat by the Mile-End and Cemetery roads.

The Artillery Brigade will be under the command of Lt.-Col. A. A. Stevenson, with Major Macdonald, Wellington Field Battery, as Brigade Major; and Capt. McCrae, Ontario Field Battery, as A.D.C.

The Rifle Brigade will be commanded by Lt.-Col. Bond, who will have Captain Watson as Brigade Major, and Captain Tatlow, A. D. C.

The Infantry Brigade will be commanded by Lt.-Col. Martin, with Major Atkinson, as Brigade Major.

Lt.-Colonel Fletcher, C. M. G., D. A. G., will command the defence, and will have on his staff Lt.-Cols. Rogers, 51st Batt., and McEachern, C. M. G., 50th Batt.

After the Sham-fight and Advance in Review Order, the militia, (local and visiting), will march to the Agricultural grounds, "pile arms," and sit down to dinner in the Crystal Palace, where accommodation will be provided for about 4000. At this dinner, His Worship the Mayor of Montreal will preside. In the afternoon, there will be a Grand Lacrosse Match, between the Montreal Club and the Caughnawaga Indians, at which His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness Princess Louise have promised to attend, as have also Lt.-General Sir Ed. Selby Smyth, K. C. M. G., and Colonel Austen, Commanding 13th Brooklyn Regiment, with his Officers.

In the evening, His Excellency the Governor General, Colonel Austen, and the Officers of the 13th Brooklyn battalion, will be the guests of the Lieut.-General and the Officers of the Canadian Militia participating in the day's proceedings, at a dinner, to be given at the Windsor Hotel.

All the visiting corps, except the 13th Brooklyn, will leave by Special Trains and Steamers, at various hours, on Saturday Evening.

On Sunday, the 13th Brooklyn Regiment will attend Church Parade, and march to the St. James' Street Wesleyan Church, where a Sermon will be preached by the Revd. Henry Ward Beecher, Chaplain of the Regiment. Admission to this service will be by ticket.

The same evening, the Regiment will parade for its homeward journey, which, it is hoped, will be accomplished in safety, and that its members may have many pleasant recollections of their first visit to Montreal.

In answer to an invitation from Colonel Austen and others, to attend the forthcoming Review in this city, the hero of the celebrated march through Georgia to the sea, has forwarded the following letter which is here inserted as a fitting tribute from a good soldier to a good Sovereign :—

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9th, 1879.

*Col. David E. Austen and others of the Committee,
Brooklyn, New York :*

GENTLEMEN,—I thank you for the courtesy of the invitation contained in your letter of May 8, to unite with you in the proposed international visit to the Dominion of Canada on Thursday, May 22nd instant, to participate in the festivities in commemoration of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. I envy you the privilege of assisting in doing honor to a Sovereign who has presided over the destinies of Great Britain for more than forty eventful years, and whose life as child, wife, mother, Queen and Empress stands resplendent as an example to the rulers on earth, by whatever title they may be known, and whose private life is a type which may safely be followed by the most humble, as well as the most exalted, among civilized and enlightened people. However beloved she may be by her own subjects, I believe in no land on earth is she held in more kindly respect than in this our Republic of America. I am sure that the Thirteenth Regiment, N.G., S.N.Y., will bear themselves as worthy descendants of our honored ancestors and present friends ; and I deeply regret that public business prevents my being one of their comrades on such an occasion.

With great respect, your friend and servant,

A. T. SHERMAN,
General.



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ARTIST'S PROOF

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